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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO HABIB VISIT TO BARBADOS

REF BRIDGETOWN 1463

1. BARBADOS ADVOCATE NEWS CARRIED FRONT PAGE STORY ON VISIT OF UNDERSECRETARY HABIB ON JUNE 23 UNDER HEADLINE "BARBADOS AND US DISCUSS RENWEAL OF LAND LEASE." ARTICLE BEGAN: "FURTHER DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF BARBADOS AND THE UNITED STATES WERE HELD YESTERDAY ON THE RENEWAL OF A LEASE ON LAND OCCUPIED BY A UNITED STATES NAVAL FACILITY IN ST. LUCY. IT WAS AMONG THE TOPICS COVERED DURING WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THREE SENIOR GOVERNMENT MINISTERS AND THE US UNDERSECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, MR. PHILIP HABIB, AT GOVERNMENT HEADQUARTERS. ACCORDING TO A GOVERNMENT STATEMENT, THE WHOLE QUESTION OF BARBADOS-US LEASE BASE AGREEMENT WAS DISCUSSED AS WELL AS REGIONAL AND LATIN-AMERICAN ISSUES, INCLUDING BELIZE."

2. TELEVISION AND RADIO CARRIED SEVERAL MINUTES OF MR. HABIB'S AIRPORT COMMENTS TO THE PRESS BEFORE DEPARTURE WHICH CENTERED ON IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUED VISITS BY US OFFICIALS TO THE CARIBBEAN TO MAINTAIN DIALOGUE WITH AND FURTHER UNDERSTANDING OF A CLOSE NEIGHBORING REGION. BROADCASTERS NOTED MR. HABIB'S GENERAL EXPLANATION OF  
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SPECIFIC TOPICS AT DISCUSSION WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS, BUT NOT IN A CRITICAL MANNER.  
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